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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC COTTBUS Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]
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DATE PREPARED 22 December 1949

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) airfield was occupied by at least 800 Soviet Air Force troops, most of them wearing war decorations. Twenty twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly and red propeller hubs were parked in two rows in front of the hangars. About 25 single-engine aircraft with gull wings were parked on the southern edge of the field. There was no flying.
2. The emplacements on the southwestern edge of the landing field were occupied by seven AA guns of about 80 mm caliber, and three heavy machine guns. The gun crews were quartered in earthbunkers.
3. The field was strictly guarded. The following motor vehicles were seen:

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Comment:

- a. According to previous reports, it was assumed that all COTTBUS ground attack units were transferred and replaced by a bomber regiment with the pertaining ground units.
- b. According to this report, bombers and ground attack aircraft are stationed at the field. The reported [REDACTED] to bomber and ground attack units. The information on the presence of ground attack aircraft requires confirmation.
- c. The presence of AA gun emplacements on the southern edge of the field was [REDACTED]

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